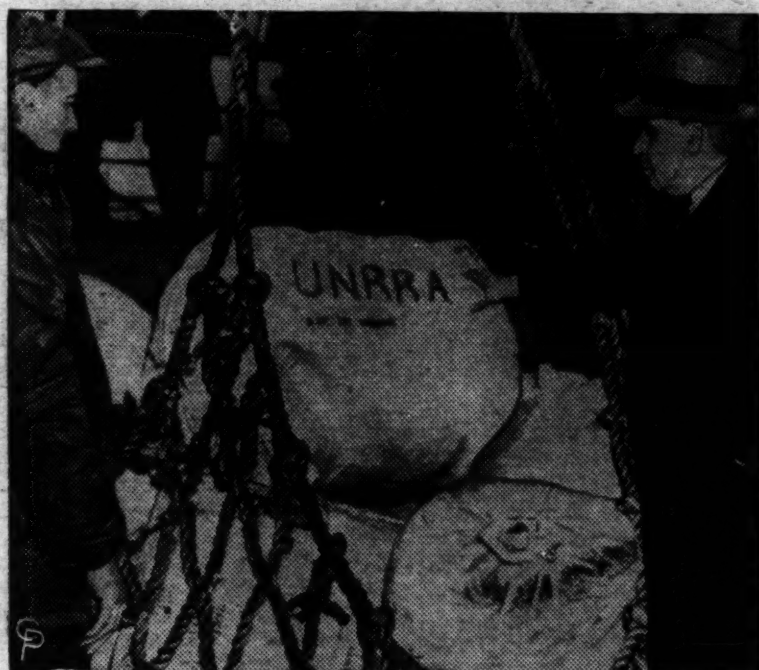


PATTON TROOPS CROSS RHINE

Third Establishes Bridgehead



UNRRA supplies for liberated Poland are being loaded on the first relief ship heading for that area. Herbert Lehman, director-general of UNRRA, inspects the shipment at an eastern port. Supplies include food, clothing, medicine and blankets. (See Page 3).

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BULLETIN

WITH THE U. S. THIRD ARMY, March 23 (UP).—The U. S. Third Army has crossed the Rhine and established a bridgehead on the east bank.

Third Army troops are pouring inland against an almost complete lack of opposition.

LONDON, March 23 (UP).—Front dispatches told today of sharp patrol battles on the east bank of the Nijmegen area, held by Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's army, while Berlin reported that Montgomery had completed offensive preparations to storm the Rhine along a 100-mile front from Arnhem south to Bonn.

Berlin also reported a crossing by Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's U.S. Third Army at Oppenheim, between Mainz and Worms, and another four miles north of Ludwigshafen.

The destruction of German forces west of the Rhine has now been completed, and there is nothing to prevent a major Allied crossing of the river "most anywhere at any time," Gen. Omar N. Bradley, commander of the 12th Army Group, said today.

Bradley, whose American 1st, 3d and 15th armies are ready to make new crossings of the great water barrier, told war correspondents confidently that the Rhine could be forced now against the type of opposition the Germans have been putting up in the past few weeks.

The American commander said also the Remagen bridgehead could now be expanded as a result of the clearing of the Saar by Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton's 3rd Army and Lieut. Alexander M. Patch's 7th Army troops.

Take Over 20 Towns

But Bradley cautioned against over-optimism.

"I don't think we should write too glaring headlines that the war is over or anything like that—it may be almost over, it may last a long time to come.

"The fact is we have destroyed a lot of German forces—how much resistance the enemy can put up yet remains to be seen."

Patton's Oppenheim foothold, as reported by the Germans, is less than 55 airline miles south of Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' First Army troops in the Remagen bridgehead, who broke across the Wied River in a half dozen places during the night and buckled German defenses in a drive south.

The First's 99th Division, smashing south toward Patton's reported position, swept up more than 20 towns and fought into Neuwied. Tanks speared on across the flat plain south of Neuwied to points only five miles from some sections of Coblenz on the east side of the river.



A visitor to the front lines, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Allied Commander, is shown with Lt. Gen. George H. Patton, Commander of the U. S. Third Army as they entered the latter's headquarters in Germany.

Senate Bars Confirmation Of Aubrey Williams, 52-36

By VIRGINIA GARDNER

WASHINGTON, March 23.—The Senate today, by a vote of 52 to 36, refused to confirm President Roosevelt's appointment of Aubrey Williams as Rural Electrification Administrator, by a vote of 52 to 36. The vote came only after a figurative blood-sweating on the

part of Republicans who sought to dissociate themselves from the anti-Negro, anti-Semitic tactics of Williams' foes.

Thirty-one Democrats, four Republicans and one Progressive voted in favor of Williams. Opposed were 19 Democrats and 33 Republicans, Republicans voting for Williams' confirmation were George D. Aiken (Vt.), one of the leaders of the pro-Williams Senators; Wayne Morse (Ore.), Milton Young (N.D.), newly appointed to fill the place of the late Sen. John Moses, and William Langer (N.D.).

Eight southern Senators voted for Williams—Alben W. Barkley (Ky.), Allen J. Ellender (La.), Lister Hill (Ala.), Clyde Hoey (N.C.), Olin D. Johnston (S.C.), Claude Pepper (Fla.) and Elmer Thomas (Okla.). One of the more progressive southerners, J. William Fulbright (Ark.) voted against confirmation.

Charles W. Tobey (R-NH), voted "aye" in a paired vote with Hugh Butler (R-Neb), who voted against Williams.

In the bitter debate preceding the vote, which climaxed five days of argument, Robert A. Taft (R-O), apparently felt it necessary to picture himself as a friend of the Negro people, and C. Wayland (Curly) Brooks (R-Ill), Chicago Tribune stooge, let the Senate know that some of his friends were Jews.

Taft, who recently made a flank attack on the FEPC bill by introducing his own, minus any enforcement powers, declared itchy that he rather resented "Mr. Williams' friends who've gone over the country implying that Senators who vote against him are not friendly to the colored people." He saw "no reason why I should vote for him because he is opposed by some southern Senators."

But Taft, who is seldom bothered by matters of delicacy, also sneered at the Senators who had spoken of Williams' four sons in the armed forces, claiming they sought to show that qualified him for the REA post, a matter "so ridiculous that it needs no answer."

As Aiken was tangling with Taft, Brooks came to his defense, declaring the "friends of Aubrey Williams have brought up so many accusations" that he wanted it known that "among my acquaintances are some of the finest people in the world of Jewish extraction." He also includ-

ed Negroes, and even brought a Catholic chaplain and a Protestant minister into his discussion.

Sen. Carl A. Hatch (D-NM), one of Williams' supporters, arose and, pale and tense, said slowly.

"I want to ask a question, whether I correctly understood the gentleman, that he said the friends of Aubrey Williams have raised the question of color and religion."

"I don't know who raised it first," Brooks answered lamely, adding that "I want to disclaim any part in it."

Hatch said acidly he did not blame him for wanting to, but asked that he "read the record and find who raised it first."

Brooks said these questions were better not raised. Hatch replied, "I agreed that they should not be raised but once they are raised they ought to be answered."

Sen. Johnston of South Carolina made his maiden speech in Williams' behalf, but it remained for Sen. James M. Tamm (D-Del), to make the most devastating indictment of the tactics used to defeat Williams' confirmation. Raising the question of Williams' belief in the divinity of Christ, he said, was going farther than usual anti-Semitic activities. It was "going into the beliefs of the Jewish people," he said. At another time he referred to "this anti-Negro, anti-Semitic move."

"The Senator of Ohio," he said, "says Williams has gone to the left, very far. Yes, and the Senator has argued just as hard against Franklin D. Roosevelt, who he thinks is too far to the left. But he's just about far enough for the American people," and, he added, for the men who are fighting this war.

Barkley declared he would hate to believe "that any Senator here would be prejudiced against a man because of religious belief or lack of it," and warned the Senate that the 12 million young men fighting the war would seek an explanation of this vote.

Naguilan Falls to Yanks in Pacific

MANILA, Saturday, March 24 (UP).—American infantrymen captured Naguilan and its airdrome, 12 miles northwest of the city limits of Baguio, summer capital of the Philippines. Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today, in a drive against one of the last remaining Japanese strongholds in Luzon.

Justice Black Gets Jefferson Award

Supreme Court Justice Hugo L. Black has been awarded the Thomas Jefferson award as the southerner who best upheld the Jeffersonian tradition, Dr. Clark Foreman, president of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, announced at the conference's New York headquarters today.

Jimcrow Liberty Statue Ferry Makes Last Run

NEW BOAT TO END BIASED FACILITIES FOR NEGRO CREW

The Francis Scott Key, the Statue of Liberty ferryboat with jimcrow toilet facilities for its Negro crew, was scheduled to make its final run from Manhattan to Bedloe Island late yesterday. A new ship, the Mohawk, just up from Baltimore to replace the boat named for the composer of our national anthem, will not carry a "colored crew only" sign.

Capt. Jeff Jeannett, skipper of the Francis Scott Key until last night and from now on commanding the Mohawk, admitted to a couple of inquiring reporters yesterday that he was from North Carolina and that "down there" Negroes are kept "in their place." He added, however, that he knew how to respect the laws and customs of the Empire State.

The Francis Scott Key has been ferrying sightseers from the lower tip of Manhattan to the Statue of Liberty and back for several months, all this time maintaining a

jimcrow lavatory for its Negro crewmembers. Capt. Jeannett explained that that was because the boat had originally seen service in the South.

WHEN IN NEW YORK...

The captain was unable to explain to Earl Conrad, Chicago Defender's New York editor, why the jimcrow sign was kept on the toilet door all these months. Just overlooked, he supposed, the skipper said. It was Conrad who discovered the contradictory situation when, on a recent trip aboard the Francis Scott Key, he saw the "Colored Crew Only" sign while admiring the Statue of Liberty from the first deck.

Captain Jeannett was a little miffed over the fact that he was being questioned about the sign when it had been passed over unmentioned by the city's steamboat inspectors. He wanted to know why the inspectors hadn't objected. The

Shipbuilder for Annual Wage, He Tells NMU

William S. Newell, head of the Bath Iron Works of Bath, Me., and president of United Seamen's Service, yesterday declared his support of labor's campaign for a guaranteed annual wage.

Newell, addressing the National Council of the CIO National Maritime Union in New York yesterday, said that such a guarantee "would be one of the greatest things for people who have to work for a living."

The Council, composed of National NMU officers and agents from the country's principal ports, is holding semi-annual sessions at NMU headquarters, 346 W. 17 St. Yesterday's session also heard Commander John I. Dugan, officer in charge of the Coast Guard Merchant Marine Hearing Unit of the Third Naval District.

"Sooner or later," Newell asserted, "the principle of a guaranteed annual wage will be worked out."

"With it comes a sense of security; you know where you are at. A guaranteed wage will come if people think about it, and keep working toward it."

He added that although he is not a shipowner, he believes the principle of an annual wage could be applied to a large percentage of the maritime industry. He indicated that application of the principle may vary according to the nature of a particular industry.

Newell commended the NMU for its cooperation and assistance in the program of the USS and praised its officers and members for "doing a great job in this war."

Bretton Woods Foe On Spot at Hearing

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 23.—Rep. Brent Spence, the tall, gaunt, white-haired Kentuckian who heads the House Banking and Currency Committee, foresook his customary gentleness with the opposition to the pending Bretton Woods legislation today.

With surprising spirit, the usually philosophical Spence advanced on an unsuspecting witness, the first in a row for the American Bankers Association, and let him have it with both barrels.

The witness, W. L. Hemingway, president of the Mercantile Bank and Trust Co. of St. Louis and a past president of the ABA, who described himself at one point as just "a country banker," was taken off guard completely.

"That's a very adroit way of attacking legislation," Spence snapped at one point. "You're for the objective, but opposed to the methods offered."

"I saw the spirit of mutual help and cooperation at Bretton Woods," he went on feelingly. "Maybe it was all a fake, but I came away from Bretton Woods with the definite feeling that we had done something for the peace of the world."

Hemingway testified that the bankers were for the proposed international bank but opposed to the fund, whose functions should be turned over to the bank, which would make proper distinctions between "countries having good credit" and, by implication, those which needed help.

He said he foresaw the seeds of totalitarianism in the fund, as well as ambiguities.

Replied the chairman:

"The Constitution of the United States is the greatest document ever devised by man, and it's full of ambiguities. If your doctrine had been applied to the Constitution, this government never would have been founded."

Hemingway said primly that "If I were sitting in your chair I would wait until the San Francisco Conference to move."

"You might make an argument at San Francisco, 'delay this until Bretton Woods is passed, too,'" Spence said. "If you were a member of this House, and the bill came up as is, would you be for it or against it?"

"As a lifelong Southern Democrat—who has voted Republican a couple of times—I would hate to do it but I would vote no," said the banker.

Rep. Fred L. Crawford (R-Mich), leader of the opposition, gave a heartrending account of "the pressure I am under." It was, he said, "diabolic, un-American, coercive of the first order."

To prove it, he introduced for the record photostatic copies of Detroit newspaper stories reporting a speech of the Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, doubtless, he said, paid for with taxpayers' money and sent to him by the Treasury. Wasn't there "some way to get the other side" to the people? But the witness shook his head sadly and said the ABA doesn't have the funds the Treasury has.

Merit-Rating Measure Killed in Assembly

By MAX GORDON

ALBANY March 23.—The Assembly killed the Young-Demo merit-rating bill today after long debate and party caucusing, and unanimously passed the labor-backed

"harmony" bill for liberalizing unemployment insurance benefits and providing rebates to employers when the unemployment insurance fund hits a high level.

The vote on the Young-Demo measure, bitterly fought by labor and inspired by large industrial corporations, was 64 to 79. All who voted in favor of it were Republicans, including Assemblymen Brook, Douglas and Mitchell of Manhattan, Berge and Radigan of Staten Island, McMullen of Brooklyn and Hurley of Queens.

The "harmony" measure closely resembles the original Falk-Gugino bill, drawn by the Ives Committee on Labor and Industry and backed by Assembly leaders Oswald D. Heck and Irving M. Ives. Thus, once again the GOP leaders were able to put through a progressive measure only with the aid of a solid Democratic vote.

The fight for the Young-Demo plan was led by Assemblyman Orlo M. Brees of Binghamton. Assemblymen Ives, Leo Isacson, Bronx Laborite, Irwin Steingut and Julius Gans, Democrats, fought for the "harmony" measure.

STATE AID REVISION

Gov. Dewey's program measures on revision of state aid to education, continuation of studies on state-city fiscal relations and on a \$5,000,000 special appropriation for aid to localities for snow removal expenses were passed by both houses after much political discussion.

The new education formula was criticized by Democratic spokesmen as being both inadequate and unfair to New York City. Assemblyman Eugene Bannigan, Brooklyn Democrat, noted that New York City will get a 16 percent increase in education funds as compared with the outmoded Friedsam formula, while

upstate cities would get 25 percent and other areas 28 to 32 percent.

Both houses also passed a \$250,000 appropriation to administer the Regents program for a state-wide system of technical institutes. The measure calls for the establishment of a commission to execute the program.

In the Senate, the Bannigan Substitute Teachers Bill which requires the Board of Education to give examinations for regular appointments to substitutes with three years or more experience, was completed. It is a major part of the substitute teachers' program.

Also passed in the Senate was the Schupler Bill to make jury trial for women mandatory instead of voluntary, as it is today. The Mitchell measure to give municipalities the right to acquire blighted areas for rehabilitation purposes, essential to the McGoldrick Plan for downtown Brooklyn, also received Senate approval. Both these measures have passed the Assembly.

There was sharp debate on the DiCostanzo measure releasing the Stuyvesant Town Project from rent control prohibitions against eviction of tenants from commercial premises. Democrats opposed the measure on the grounds the war emergency makes it impossible for these tenants to find new quarters.

Allied Warships Strike North Italy

ROME, March 23 (UP).—Allied warships and aircraft have struck powerful blows in north Italy, it was announced today as action along the 150-mile land front again was limited to patrolling.

Smear-Artist Smith Horns in On Meat Probe

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 23.—All signs indicated today that the inveterate "investigator" and smear-artist of everything the war agencies and Administration attempts to do on the home front, Howard W. Smith (D-Va.), would be unable to resist getting in on the meat controversy.

Frank L. Sundstrom (R-NJ), who heads an unofficial "Meat Committee" of senators and representatives from meat producing states, said that in addition to the Senate Agricultural subcommittee slated to investigate meat shortage, the Smith Committee should do likewise.

The ubiquitous Smith Committee, entitled The Select Committee to Investigate Acts of Executive Agencies which Exceed Their Authority, is best known for its "investigations" of OPA, particularly rent control. But it has not neglected the War Labor Board, either, and of course Smith's earlier inquisitions of the National Labor Relations Board is famous.

Smith himself was closeted a good part of the day, talking over the proposition of the meat investigation with his committee members.

TAFT BUTTS IN

Meanwhile Sen. Robert A. Taft, (R-Ohio), contributed his bit by suggesting all meat sold to the government be freed of price ceilings, and Sen. Harlan J. Bushfield (R-SD) a member of the Agriculture subcommittee headed by Elmer Thomas (D-Okla.), said food shortages are "due to the asinine orders on prices."

Thomas has said the committee would get information from state agricultural commissioners among others.

State Employee Overtime Bill Passes Senate

Special to the Daily Worker

ALBANY, March 23.—Senate passage of a bill to provide time and a half overtime pay for workers in state institutions today ends the first round in a political struggle between the organized workers in these institutions and Governor Dewey.

For weeks these workers, most of them influential citizens in their rock-ribbed rural Republican communities throughout the state, have been flooding legislative leaders and their own representatives with demands "on behalf of the measure, introduced by State Senator Seymour Halpern, Queens Republican, and sponsored by the State, County and Municipal Workers Union (C.M.O.).

The companion measure introduced by Assemblyman Samuel Rabin, also a Queens Republican, is languishing in the Assembly Rules Committee as the 1945 session draws to a close.

Assembly Speaker Oswald D. Heck, Rules Committee chairman, and a good many rank-and-file Republicans, are all for passage.

Dewey, however, refuses to give the "green light."

The cost of the measure would be somewhat less than \$2,000,000. Dewey's main concern, however, in the opinion of those familiar with the fight, is to break the union in the state institutions.

The condition of the mental hospitals is one of the major sore spots in the State Administration, and the chief reason is lack of workers. Part of the reason lies in the poor working conditions.

As a by-product of this fight, the Administration allowed the Novod-Sullivan bill to permit local government bodies to pay time and a half for overtime to pass both houses today.

Conservative-Falangists Plot To Launch Civil War in Colombia

By SENATOR AUGUSTO DURAN, Chairman, Socialist Democratic Party, Wireless to the Daily Worker

BOGOTA, Colombia, March 23.—Civil war threatens in Colombia unless the government takes firm measures to crush the plans of Laureano Gomez, the Conservative and Falangist leader.

Although an attempted uprising against President Alfonso Lopez Liberal government early this

month was discovered in time, Gomez continues his provocative campaign, and is gathering his forces anew.

On March 10, official investigation revealed hundreds of bombs concealed in the Bogota Cathedral and elsewhere. The Bogota archbishop proclaimed his support of the government and condemned priests involved in the plot.

Complicating the situation, however, is an appeasement tendency

appearing inside President Lopez' own majority Liberal Party.

"Caliban," leading columnist in El Tiempo, chief Liberal daily, for instance, has launched a bitter anti-Communist campaign instead of attacking the Conservative-Falangist enemies of Colombia."

National elections last week - end confirmed the Liberal 2-1 majority in the Congress, despite the decrease in number of persons voting. We attribute this decrease to the de-

moralizing reactionary press campaign against the Liberal regime.

Election returns show that our Socialist - Democratic Party increased its representation in the Chamber from one to four deputies and in regional legislatures from four to nine.

Both our party and the Colombian Confederation of Workers (CTC) are mobilizing all our strength to support the Alfonso Lopez government.



Scanning his charts aboard his flagship off the coast of Japan, master carrier technician Vice Adm. Marc A. Mitscher (right) goes over plans of attack with Commodore A. A. Burke.

Zappot on Baltic Falls to Soviets

LONDON, March 23 (UP).—A Moscow communique revealed tonight that Red Army troops mopping up in the Baltic sector broke through to the sea between Danzig and Gdynia and captured the resort town of Zoppot.

Japanese Start No. China Drive

CHUNGKING, March 23 (UP).—

Three Japanese divisions supported by "waves of planes" have opened a major offensive against the American airbase town of Laochokow in North Central China, driving from four directions on that important communication center, a Chinese army spokesman disclosed today.

The Japanese have "annihilated" the whole Chinese garrison in the town of Kingmen, one of the towns along the route of the new offensive, a Chinese communique said.

Meanwhile, it was learned that the Japanese have rushed in crack troops to garrison the coastal belt of China and a parallel transcontinental corridor against anticipated American landings.

THREATEN RAILWAY

Laochokow, some 230 miles northwest of Hankow, has long been a thorn in the side of the Japanese. Fighters and bombers from that base have wrought havoc on Japanese communications, especially the strategic Hankow-Peking railway 190 miles to the east. Chinese armies at Laochokow also threaten the railway.

Laochokow is an important link between Free China and occupied China. Materials from occupied China have flowed almost incessantly through Laochokow, and the town has been a military center through which communications between Free China and men behind enemy lines have been handled.

Military observers saw the offensive as a new move to consolidate the Japanese hold on the Asiatic continent in view of the precarious position in the Japanese homeland, and pointed out that this new attack followed the January offensive in South China, which resulted in clearing the Canton-Hankow railway and occupation of further American air bases in Kiangsi Province, such as Suichuan and Kanhsien.

Moscow did not confirm German reports that a Soviet force of 90,000 men had broken through Berlin's immediate defense and driven to the outskirts of Golzow, six miles west of Kuestrin and 32 miles from Berlin.

MAY STRIKE WEST

Unofficial Moscow dispatches said that Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's mighty First White Russian Army was expected to strike west from the Oder at any hour since its flanks were secured by Soviet drives to Stettin Bay in the north and to the Sudeten Mountains in the south.

The Germans also reported that Marshal Ivan S. Konev's First Ukrainian Army had extended its offensive across Upper Silesia into Czechoslovakia and was fighting on both sides of Hotzenplotz, 38 miles southwest of Oppeln and one mile inside the Sudetenland.

IWO Celebrates 15th Birthday

The general executive council of the International Workers Order will celebrate the 15th anniversary of the IWO during its semi-annual sessions at Hotel Piccadilly today and tomorrow (Saturday and Sunday).

The agenda includes three main reports, the general organizational report by Max Bedacht, general secretary; the financial report by Peter Shipka, general treasurer; and the report on the national Negro recruiting campaign by Sam Milgrom, national organizational director. Supplementary reports will be made by Louise Thompson Patterson, vice-president; Sam Patterson, national Negro organizer; and Boleslaw Gebert, vice-president.

The IWO was organized in March, 1930, with 1,000 members. To day it is a federation of 15 nationality group societies and general lodges with a total membership, adult and juniors, of more than 170,000, as well as several thousand social members.

Honor Foster At Dinner

Earl Browder, president of the Communist Political Association; Israel Amter, a New York State vice-president, and many trade union leaders were speakers at a dinner honoring William Z. Foster, pioneer in America's labor movement, at Tom Mooney Hall, 13 Astor Pl., last night.

A later issue of the Daily Worker will carry a full story of the dinner.

Will Deal Only With Warsaw, UNRRA States

WASHINGTON, March 23 (UP).—The United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration tonight sent its ace Russian member to Warsaw to negotiate an agreement with the Polish Provisional Government.

UNRRA, Director General Herbert H. Lehman named Deputy Director General Michael A. Menshikov to be his personal representative to the Polish Provisional Government. Menshikov will head a special temporary UNRRA delegation to Poland to discuss arrangements for relief of the Polish people.

Another Polish move by UNRRA was announced at the same time—the resignation of John P. Gregg as chief of the Polish mission. That mission was set up several months ago but has never left the country.

UNRRA officials said there was no connection between the two announcements. They explained that Menshikov would negotiate a relief agreement with the Provisional Government, or the new Polish Government if it is formed by then, and that the Polish mission headed by a successor to Gregg would administer the agreement.

The UNRRA announcement made it plain that Menshikov's delegation would have nothing to do with the Polish Government-in-Exile in London.

"The Polish Government, which

exercises actual control in the area, is the only Polish authority with which UNRRA will deal on Polish relief arrangements," it said.

7,000 Auto Workers Strike for Firing of 2

DETROIT, March 23 (UP).—War production at Continental Motors, Inc., was halted today by a strike of 7,000 United Auto Workers, CIO union members protesting against the discharge of two fellow-workers. Company officers said that the men were fired for sleeping on the job. Officers of UAW-CIO local 280 said they had no statement.

Call Off Hearing in Anti-Hague Libel Suit

JERSEY CITY, March 23 (UP).—Vice Chancellor Charles M. Egan today called off a hearing scheduled for 2 p. m. in injunction proceedings in connection with John Warren's \$2,000,000 libel suit against Mayor Frank Hague of Jersey City.

Soviet Article Urges Small Nations Seek Security in Big 3 Leadership

LONDON, March 23 (UP).—An article in Soviet War News, published by the Soviet Embassy in London, advised small nations that their real security will be found in the leadership of the Big Three.

The article, written by a Dr. Lomon, underlined the determination to seek a world organization built on the "main great powers of the anti-German coalition."

Citing recent proposals to increase the relative weight of small countries in the organization, the article pointed out that such attempts would "drag

the future security organization far back to the position of the League of Nations of ill memory."

The League, it pointed out, gave small powers formal future but no real security.

"The future international security organization can truly secure the interests of small countries only if it is a really effective organization: that is, if it is built on the same foundation as that on which the great edifice of our common victory is based, unanimous agreement and close collaboration of the main great powers of the anti-German coalition."

Soldiers Censure Green on 'Slave Labor' Stand

The men on the firing lines are taking some powerful jabs at William Green in letters in Stars and Stripes for his assertion that the use of German labor to rebuild devastated areas is "economically unsound" and "slave labor."

"Where does he get the idea that the Germans shouldn't reconstruct the homes that they have destroyed?" asks a letter signed "Doughboys, Ward 7, Hospital Plant."

"Are we supposed to supply them with materials and labor while they sit around and laugh at us, taking us for fools, which they are already doing in Germany?"

"If we should lose the war there wouldn't

be any doubt in Hitler's mind that American prisoners of war would help reconstruct Germany. I'm sure that if Green were here for one day he'd sing a different tune."

Pfc. Aaron Kohler, Tank Battalion, writes: "God help and keep our nation from weak old men like William Green. What does he know about indefensible Germans? The only indefensible German is the Nazi you are prodding with your M1 and as soon as you turn your back on him he will try to stick a knife into you. . . ."

"The Russians, Poles and others can also tell him plenty about the indefensible Germans. If he wants more proof I can tell him about the time I was a litter bearer

and the Hun let us get to a forward position (we were all unarmed and displayed a large Red Cross flag) and when we began to evacuate our wounded they opened up on us with everything they had and they had plenty!"

Pfc. William M. Show, Tank Battalion, is particularly caustic:

"... Perhaps if Mr. Green could see the long rows of white crosses in the American cemeteries in France; perhaps if he could but see these battle-ravaged cities that the Germans were responsible for; maybe see the suffering and torment brought into the human soul by the Nazi . . . the meaning of total war and total destruction . . . perhaps then his statement would read different

from "economically unsound and indefensible."

Sgt. James A. Garland, of the Ninth Air-drome Squadron, writes he has nothing against unions, but is sure that when the Germans read Green's statement they "will donate a few dollars toward the betterment of his social standing in the union of which he is only one member."

"Who does he think tore up these cities or caused them to be torn up?" he continues. "They, the master race, didn't think anything of making a slave out of thousands of people because they wouldn't bow to their demands. Who does he think is going to or should rebuild these cities?"

ALP Asks Veterans' Bill Publicize Bias Schools

State headquarters of the American Labor Party yesterday asked that the GI Bill of Rights be amended to include a provision for publicizing educational institutions barring entrance of returned soldiers because of race, color, creed or national origin. Hyman Blumberg, secretary, announced yesterday.

The request, made to Sen. Elbert D. Thomas (D-U), chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Committee, and Rep. John E. Rankin (D-Miss), chairman of the House World War Veterans Legislation Committee, was spurred by recent disclosures of discrimination in dental, medical, law and other educational institutions.

Rep. Vito Marcantonio is expected to introduce into the Congressional Record on Monday a 15 point ALP program for veterans' aid.

Quota system for dental students were recently proposed by Dr. H. H. Horner of the American Dental Association. The ALP pointed out that Rep. Rankin had brazenly defended this proposal in Congress when he stated, "That organization has done what it had the right to do."

In calling for a published list of all schools employing discriminatory practices, the ALP said:

"Federal aid is now given to about 75 land grant colleges for educational and vocational assistance, including the maintenance of ROTC units. There is a federal-state program of vocational rehabilitation in every state. The Veterans Administration now publishes an approved list of educational institutions. Thousands of war veterans will want a chance to complete their educations and prepare for professional careers. We propose amending the Federal law to direct the publication of a list of all institutions which discriminate against veterans."

"The publication of such a list will unquestionably result in democratizing eligibility requirements in state colleges and universities throughout the country."

At the same time the ALP pointed out that in view of the present inadequacy of veterans hospital care, veterans shall be entitled, as a right and not as a benefit, to hospital and medical care at convenient public and private institutions at government expense, where Veterans' Administration facilities are inadequate or unavailable.

Coupled with its 15-point program the ALP asked for the establishment and maintenance of a new city agency to be known as the City Veterans' Department, to operate as a central clearing house for all form of veterans assistance, as a basic city program to supplement state and federal aid to the veteran.

We are at war. . . . Every Wednesday is waste-paper collection day in New York City.

Fete Lillian Hellman, Raise \$60,000 for Spain

We must do justice to the memory of the thousands who died in Spain in the first battles of this war, Lillian Hellman declared at a dinner in her honor Thursday night which marked the opening of a \$750,000 Spanish Refugee Appeal.

The diners contributed \$60,000 to the \$750,000 goal.

Miss Hellman, who has just returned from the Soviet Union where she was a guest of VOKS, Soviet Cultural Department, said that Spain's tragedy was "followed by the tragedy of millions everywhere, and the Soviet people have suffered more than the others."

She told of her trip—from the moment at a Siberian airport that a blond young Russian exercised his entire supply of English in a toast: "I love Stalin, Roosevelt, Churchill, Betty Grable and Dotty Lamour"—to the woman she met in Leningrad whose husband had insisted that his felt boots be torn from his frozen feet, despite all pain, so that she might have them.

HITS FRANCO DEALS

Miss Hellman attacked William L. White's book on the Soviet Union. "It's not a question of whether we approve of the Soviet system. They like it and fight for it remarkably," she said.

Lisa Sergio, radio commentator, said aid to the 100,000 Spanish Republicans in France is not simply a question of helping individuals who are suffering.

"They are a moral symbol of

those we abandoned," she said. "Let us keep a sense of repentance in our hearts and let it guide us toward something we can still do."

She scored financial deals currently made by the United States with Franco Spain, and reported that in U. S. Army veterans' hospitals the most typical question she hears is: "What are we doing about Franco?"

Lt. Philippe de Croisset of the French Navy paid tribute to the role of 20,000 Spanish maquis in the liberation of France. Dr. Edward K. Barsky, chairman of the Joint Anti-fascist Refugee Committee, sponsors of the Spanish Refugee Appeal, described their present plight as "catastrophic."

Dorothy Parker, acting chairman of the Appeal, opened the meeting and Herman Shumlin acted as chairman for the evening. Other speakers were Richard Watts and Carl Van Doren. Platform guests included Dr. Charles R. Joy, director of the Unitarian Service, official distributor of funds collected for Spanish refugees in France; Soviet Consul General Eugene Kisselev and a representative of the Mexican Consulate.

The diners contributed \$60,000 to the \$750,000 goal.

News Capsules

Passover on Reich Soil

The National Broadcasting Co. will broadcast a program from Germany tomorrow (Sunday) from 9:30 a.m. (EWT) to mark the first observance of the PASS-OVER holiday in that country since Hitler came to power.

The broadcast will be under the auspices of the American Jewish Committee and will feature a message by a Jewish chaplain, singing of liturgical music by soldiers and a talk by a commanding general of one of the United States armies in Germany, circumstances permitting.

Max Jordan, NBC's religious editor who made the arrangements, will act as commentator.

The American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born has designated May, 1945 as "AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP MONTH" and recommended that programs

to encourage the naturalization of non-citizens be intensified in May.

The Committee pointed out that "there are at present only 3,000,000 non-citizens now in the United States, and, with proper cooperation, all of them could become naturalized American citizens within the next five to 10 years."

The NAVY is hitting the Japanese with a more powerful version of the Avenger torpedo bomber—the IBM-3, General Motors Corp. revealed yesterday. The model saw action for the first time in the recent carrier strikes on the Japanese home islands.

The TBM-3 is the only carrier-based plane with facilities for carrying a 2,000 pound torpedo. Its fire power has been enhanced at least 200 percent by wing guns and rockets under the wings.

Court Backs Eviction For Renting to Negro

By EUGENE GORDON

William H. Grove, an art editor of the America Home Magazine, was for a second time yesterday ordered by a Municipal Court Justice to vacate his two-room and kitchenette apartment at 42 Perry St. because he allowed a friend to share the place.

The friend, Richard Blackburn, an artist who has done some work for the American Home and is assistant purchasing agent of the Jordanoff Aviation Corp., is a Negro.

Grove on Feb. 5 took his landlord, Eleanor C. Hines, to the First District Court and protested before Justice Emil M. Haas that she was evicting him because he had permitted Blackburn to share the apartment and the rent. Miss Hines' defense was that Groves had violated that clause of the lease which declared that the apartment "shall be occupied only by the tenant and members of the immediate family of the tenant."

When Edward Kuntz, Grove's attorney, pointed out that no tenant under the OPA could be evicted without a 10-day warning to cease the violation, Justice Haas, according to the court record, interrupted to say that the landlord had a right to bar Negroes.

Justice Lazarus yesterday did not go so far, in his speech, as his col-

league had done on Feb. 5. His actions showed, however, that he was 100 percent with the landlord. Miss Hines and her lawyer admitted Blackburn and Grove were gentlemen. They admitted that other tenants sublet their apartments to persons other than members of the immediate family, thus violating a clause of the lease. They admitted, finally, under pressure of Mr. Kuntz, that their sole reason for wishing Grove to vacate was that he let Blackburn share the apartment.

She admitted frankly that she objected to Blackburn only because he was a Negro. That objection was based, she declared, on the tenants' own complaints.

Grove has until April 16 to find another place.

He said afterward:

"I have been fighting this case to help break down the jimcrow and the ghetto policy of some landlords. If it is possible, I will appeal to a higher court. I realize that because of such decisions as this we must all make a greater effort to change our civil rights laws to cover such outrages."

Transit Workers Take Case to Public

The CIO Transport Workers Union today took its case to the public with the citywide distribution of a million copies of a message explaining its fight for improved wages and working conditions.

Douglas L. MacMahon, president of TWU Local 100, whose members work on subways, elevated trains, street cars and bus lines in the city-owned system, said that more than 1,000 unionists and their families were participating in the distribution.

With Mayor LaGuardia now at work on the budget, in preparation for its submission to the Board of Estimate and City Council, the TWU is appealing to the public to write the Mayor asking him to:

1. Provide adequate funds in the budget and to direct the Board of Transportation to adopt the union's program for better service, or;
2. Submit the TWU 10-point program for wages, working conditions and collective bargaining to arbitration as provided by the Mayor's Transit Committee, or;
3. Offer his own fair and practical solution for the "steadily worsening transit problems."

The union handbill tells the city's riders that there is a breakdown in the city's unified system because of "an acute manpower shortage due to low pay, inferior working conditions and poor conditions of equipment."

SEEK EQUAL PAY

The TWU charges the Board of Transportation has ignored the union's proposed solution—giving city transit employees at least the



DOUGLAS MacMAHON

same conditions of work and pay as prevail on private lines, and establishing proper labor-management relations.

John J. Delaney, chairman of the Board of Transportation, is accused of delaying adjustment by a "dictatorial attitude."

PHILA CIO BACKS TWU

PHILADELPHIA, March 23:—Charging the Philadelphia Transportation Co. has acted in an "irresponsible fashion," the Philadelphia Industrial Union Council went on record at its monthly delegates' meeting last night pledging full support to the PTC employees' effort to win improvements in a new agreement.

Union Lookout

- NMU Hero Honored
- Old-Fashioned Discrimination

by Dorothy Loeb



Patrick B. Whalen was a founder of the National Maritime Union, one of its long-time active members, and had been union port agent at Baltimore before he lost his life in enemy action in July, 1942. Whalen was first assistant engineer aboard the S.S. Illinois which was torpedoed by a Nazi sub in Atlantic waters. A Liberty Ship, the S.S. Patrick B. Whalen, slid down the ways at Brunswick, Ga., recently to carry on in his tradition. On the day of the launching, the port of Baltimore held special memorial services for Whalen. A U.S. naval chaplain, an army representative and several labor leaders were speakers at the ceremonies. The Baltimore CIO presented the crew of the Whalen with an NMU ship's library.

Wholesale and Warehouse Workers Local 65 has reached agreement with the F. W. Woolworth Co. on a contract covering its warehouse. Wage provisions, which go now to the War Labor Board for approval, set a \$34 minimum wage for the lowest classification. . . . Not only is Arthur Osman, Local 65 president, going into uniform, but Bob Burke, divisional director, and Irving Haffler, business manager of Union Voice, the paper the union shares with other tenants of Tom Mooney Hall, are also army-bound. . . . Mrs. Cecelia Pollack has joined the staff of the Teachers Union as organizational director.

The United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers is negotiating with representatives of the General Electric Co. on behalf of 130,000 employees at meetings at New York's Hotel Commodore this week. . . . Workers at American Machine and Foundry Co., Brooklyn, have had three National Labor Relations Board elections since 1939 and voted UE every time. In the last poll, held just recently, the vote was 497 to 287. That makes three strikes for the challenging independent union which, by all rules, should now be declared out by the umpire. . . . An attractive new stewards' handbook has just been published by the CIO Food and Tobacco Workers. It costs 10 cents. You can get it at union headquarters, 1505 Race St., Philadelphia.

In these days of Wagner Acts, national unity and general enlightenment, the American Newspaper Guild is up against an old-fashioned discrimination case. The Hudson Dispatch, over in New Jersey, is the offender. It fired two leaders of a Guild unit just getting under way on organization. Mel Greene, one of the two, is ill and money is being raised for him among union newspapermen. New York Guildsmen have contributed \$761.60 so far. . . . Jack Ryan has been elected general organizer of the New York Guild, succeeding H. Richard Sells, who resigned to become secretary to Rep. Hugh DeLoach of Washington. Ryan had held the post before.

Joseph P. Selly, president of the CIO American Communications Association, is appealing to experienced seamen to enter the radio operator upgrading courses at U.S. Maritime Service Schools. Experienced seamen were excluded until recently but a new ruling admits them. War Shipping Administration regulations call for three radio officers on every ship going into a war area, but the supply of licensed radio officers isn't sufficient so the regulations have been suspended temporarily. Any seaman with three or more months experience is eligible to take the course, which lasts 20 weeks. Students get \$54 a month for two or three months and are then raised to \$66 a month. Uniforms, lodging, subsistence, textbooks, medical care and other necessities are furnished by the government. Schools are located on Hoffman's Island in New York Harbor and Gallups Island in Boston Harbor.

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Fisher Auto Local Hits Proposal to Quit WLB

CLEVELAND, March 23.—The action of the United Auto Workers executive board in proposing the CIO withdraw from the War Labor Board was "ill-advised and not carefully thought out," declared an editorial today in the "Fisher Eye-Opener," official organ of UAW Local 45. The editorial

praised the decision of the national CIO board to stay with the WLB.

This follows adoption of a resolution by the Cleveland District Auto Council last Monday night giving "full support to the national CIO's expressed policy to remain within the WLB." At the same time the auto council called upon labor to institute a "broad, vigorous campaign modeled after the recent PAC technique in order that the entire question of the upward revision of the Little Steel formula be brought before the public."

The auto council also supported the "emphatic declaration of the national CIO that there can be no quibbling with or modification of the no-strike pledge."

If the UAW board's proposal to leave the WLB was intended as pressure, said the Fisher Eye-Opener editorial, "it was playing a dangerous game with a vital and imperative wartime agency."

"Pressure will, of course, have to be exerted in order to regain wage

standards through the upward revision of the Little Steel formula, but it must be the kind of pressure which comes from a mass campaign in the PAC manner which will convince the public at large on the justice and necessity of granting labor's wage demands.

"There are no short cuts, and it is time that labor got earnestly down to the hard job ahead."

54 in Buffalo Area Poisoned by Food

BUFFALO, March 23 (UP).—Thirty persons were treated today for bacterial food poisoning which authorities said apparently resulted from eating improperly refrigerated chocolate eclairs. Among the victims were three employees of the Federal Food and Drug Administration.

At Niagara Falls, Dr. Edward Gillick, city health officer, reported 24 persons had been stricken in that community. All responded to treatment.

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Business Is 'Communist', Wails Woll

Matthew Woll was introduced to a Rotary Club audience at Commodore Hotel Thursday as a vice-president of the American Federation of Labor. But when the words rolled off his well-oiled tongue, he might easily have been mistaken as a reactionary spokesman for the National Association of Manufacturers. Anyone in doubt could check his words against the resolution declaring war upon the government's



WOLL

60,000,000 job goal and international security, which the NAM adopted at its recent New York convention. "Penetration of communism" has reached "alarming proportions" in the United States, and there is "evidence of totalitarianism in small and influential groups," said Woll. Where is the evidence for that? In the "continual enlargement of the role of government," answers Woll.

The growing trend toward government participation in economy, said Woll, "is but one evidence of this impatience with our traditional, representative method of doing things." Woll would have the people patiently go through the "traditional, representative method" of starving as they did during Hoover's days while the so-called "natural" forces of economy automatically ripen into prosperity.

Woll is alarmed that "communism" has reached into "labor unions, church organizations and cultural bodies."

"But most disquieting is the Communist penetration of conservative business groups," he added. "Interests close to some of the largest banking institutions have become fellow-travelers, strange as it may sound."

Of course Woll doesn't mean that the large business people he speaks

of have become Communists. He is using "communism" in the same sense that the NAM's propagandists use it, to describe the business people who agree with the President's postwar goal of greater international trade and expansion of economy with the help of the government.

Woll's speech is clear exposure of the charge, so often made in the Daily Worker, that the group of

the APL's most reactionary leaders for whom he speaks is in disagreement with the CIO because it wants collaboration with the die-hard reactionaries among business on a program of "back to the Harding-Coolidge-Hoover era." The CIO, too, is ready to cooperate with business—but with its forward-looking sections on a program of progress and security with the co-operating hand of the government.

Addes Hits Taft Phony FEPC Bill

DETROIT, March 23.—Senator Taft's substitute to the permanent Fair Employment Practice bill is "merely a hollow substitute for genuine attempts to eliminate discrimination in employment," declared George F. Addes, UAW national secretary-treasurer, and chairman of the UAW-FEPC in urging all locals of the CIO United Auto Workers to send wires to senators and congressmen, demanding the passage of the national FEPC bill.

Addes warned the local union presidents that the maneuvers of Taft may endanger the passage of the House, Norton bill (HR 2233), the House Norton bill (HR 2232), to set up a permanent FEPC.

He urged the locals wire the senators to use their influence to have the Chavez bill reported out favorably from the Committee on Edu-

cation and Labor. He also asks that they wire Senator James Murray, chairman of the Committee on Education and Labor, urging him to act favorably immediately.

Brother of Gary Mayor Killed

HIGHLAND, Ind., March 23 (UP).—Larry Finerty, 44, brother of Mayor Joseph Finerty of Gary, Ind., was shot and killed early yesterday as he left the garage of his home.

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Light on Romania

TURN on the radio almost every evening and you will hear commentators wailing that they don't know what's happening in Romania. A "grim Soviet censorship" is supposed to be hiding the facts. Open up a newspaper like the N. Y. Post, for example, and you find "reputable" columnists such as Edgar Ansel Mowrer on Friday wringing the English language with dire forebodings about Yalta and the terrible happenings in Romania.

But in yesterday's Daily Worker we published an eyewitness dispatch from our correspondent John Gibbons. And perhaps his most important point is that many of the foreign newspapermen in Bucharest have set themselves up as censors. They are not reporting the full news. They are letting their own reactionary bias against the Romanian democratic forces obscure the truth.

Gibbons, himself an Englishman, gives several specific examples. He attended a great demonstration of the National Democratic Front just the other day. Three hundred thousand people came out in the streets, showing the support of the Romanian army, the workers, the peasants, the powerful Orthodox Church and the professional people for the new government of Petru Groza. All correspondents agreed that 300,000 people were there, but they deliberately cut the number by four-fifths in their dispatches.

When the patriarch of the church came out in support of Groza, no newspaperman would touch the story. When they were all invited to attend the ceremonies upon the return of Transylvania, only one accepted. No doubt, these correspondents do not censor such news on their own. They are reflecting the powerful pro-fascist circles inside of Romania who don't like what's happening, and Allied diplomats of the same stripe. What will Edgar Ansel Mowrer say to that?

The truth is that Romania is slowly "working its way home." The new government represents the best elements of the nation, determined to live in friendship with the United Nations, determined to reform agriculture, determined to make a clean break with the past.

And the new government is willing to work with those old-line leaders of the richer peasants and landlords, like Julius Maniu and Dinu Bratianu. The old leaders are discredited. The new government wants to get things moving, and it is going ahead. And the big job of cleaning up the fascists and war criminals, especially the old government bureaucracy, is still to be done. Americans must be on guard not to let the censorship of biased correspondents acting on orders from their editors, mislead them about Romania's real progress.

Bankers and Bretton Woods

THE American Bankers Association told us it agreed in principle with the Bretton Woods plan, but had a few little technical amendments to offer. We had our suspicions at the time that the ABA was using the mumbo-jumbo of the trade to express ideas made familiar by those Senators and Congressmen who say the United States should grab colonies, markets and world power without regard for our allies.

Now we have more than a suspicion. ABA president W. Randolph Burgess says he is against Bretton Woods because Uncle Sam has been getting "poorer and poorer" while our allies wax rich on our aid.

Leon Fraser, president of the First National Bank of Chicago, claims Bretton Woods is a "grab bag for other nations" and a "grant-in-aid to Great Britain." This kind of language is easy enough to understand, particularly when it is remembered that Fraser is also former head of the Bank for International Settlements which kept in financial contact with the Nazis right through the war.

There are plenty of bankers throughout the country who understand exactly what is at stake in the Bretton Woods plan, little bankers like the 2,000 members of the Independent Bankers Association and big ones like Edgar E. Brown of the First National Bank of Chicago.

The latest to support Bretton Woods are 11 prominent Philadelphia bankers who say the United States will inevitably gain from international economic stability and that any world economic program involves compromise and mutual good will and confidence.

So what we have here is a battle within the banking community not over incomprehensible technical minutiae but over the fundamental course of American finance capital. It is a battle which the official die-hards of the ABA seem almost certain to lose because they have isolated themselves from the main currents of American business thinking, of American economic and foreign policy.

WHERE IT HURTS



— Between the Lines —

France and Dumbarton Oaks

by Joseph Starobin

FRANCE is now circulating among the leading members of the United Nations her amendments to the Dumbarton Oaks plan. And they raise serious issues for the San Francisco parley, reflecting also the far-from settled problems of French internal affairs.

Judging from the N. Y. Herald Tribune report last Thursday, and the N. Y. Times of March 16, the French do not feel that the Security Council of the proposed world organization will act quickly enough, or with sufficient means, to check large-scale aggression, especially as regards Germany. Strangely enough, the French government feels this way although France herself will sit as a permanent member of the Security Council.

Therefore, the French insist that their treaty with the Soviet Union, and similar pacts yet to be signed in Europe, shall operate automatically. That is, they shall operate before the Security Council acts, and if necessary irrespective of the Security Council itself.

Flowing from this lack of confidence in the future unity of all the great powers, France also suggests, greater authority to the General Assembly of the organization, that is, to the small nations. Her actual proposal in this respect is unclear; but it is clear that France, which resents being treated or called anything less than a great power, is simultaneously toying with the idea of acting as "leader" of the small powers.

The Problem Of Small Nations

We need spend little time on this last matter. There really is no issue of small nations vs. great nations except for those dubious elements at home and abroad who do not like the fact of Soviet-American-British unity.

The smaller nations could not defend world peace no matter how much authority were written into the Dumbarton Oaks plan, because they do not have the strength to do so. Under the present plan, the smaller countries will be consulted anyway in case of aggression. Their bases will be

used, perhaps their armed forces; they will be involved in the work of the Security Council, and their responsibilities will be more than commensurate with their actual strength. The leadership of the great powers does not constitute any encroachment on the small countries; it constitutes their salvation. So much for that.

If we take the French literally, they are also raising false issues with respect to the Soviet pact. The Soviet Union, after all, is just as interested in that pact as France. To seek "automatic security" outside of the world organization means actually to undermine the authority of the Security Council. It leaves the way open for inter-American "automatic security," a Middle-Eastern "automatic security," a Far Eastern bloc of some kind. And this simply destroys the most vital aspect of Dumbarton Oaks: the unity and jurisdiction of the Big Three and their associates.

As it is, the Dumbarton Oaks plan provides for a maximum regional action in case of aggression, so that France and the Soviet Union would in any case play the major role against any threat from Germany. Why then, this proposal from France?

Politics Is Like an Iceberg

As usual politics is like an iceberg with five-sixths of the real issue below the surface. Gen. De Gaulle is actually worried about two main things: his failure, so far, to get exclusive control of the Rhineland-Ruhr industrial area of Germany, or even the more advantageous position in the international control of Rhine resources.

Second, there is De Gaulle's fear that many important French colonies like Indo-China, or mandates, like the now-independent Syria and Lebanon, may pass to the actual control of other nations.

At this point, I am not judging the French case, merely describing it. In De Gaulle's view, automatic security presupposes as large a

French control of the Rhine "from one end to the other," as possible. And of course, De Gaulle's career has been built on the last-ditch defense of the integrity of the French empire, opposing trusteeships or any form of control which would give openings to the economically more powerful nations, like Britain and the United States.

It will take another column, I see to explore fully how De Gaulle has been fighting for this in the last seven months, and its relation to his domestic policies. But one thing is plain. The policy of attempting to make France into a great power by annexation of the Ruhr, or even pre-eminent rights there, is not succeeding. It meets the competition of Britain and the interests of the other nations which have different views on the ultimate disposition of Germany. And the defense of the empire by diplomacy alone is not strong enough against the actual power of Britain or the United States.

Alternate Policy

There is another line of policy for France, which De Gaulle has so far indicated, but not carried out. That would be to regain French strength primarily by drastic changes in French internal life. This would involve a swift, comprehensive purge, and large-scale nationalization of the basic industries as proposed by the Council of National Resistance, the Socialist and Communist parties. Such a policy in the empire would mean developing its resources by a new relation of friendship to the colonial peoples. This was indicated at the Brazzaville conference a year ago, but is far from being applied.

Diplomacy does not substitute for power, but if France were unitedly and seriously working to regain her strength by basic internal changes, diplomacy would help. In the absence of that, diplomacy becomes sterile and dangerous, and this is the only way to describe France's amendments to Dumbarton Oaks.

Worth Repeating

THE SOVIET UNION'S policies in Romania were praised by J. Raymond Walsh on Thursday night, March 15, over Station WMCA, when he said: "The basic fact in Romania is that Russia is determined to support those internal forces that seem most likely to bring about the extermination of Fascism and the economic reforms that will set the peoples on the road toward improvement of their standard of life, their security and hence their peace."

Today's Guest Column

Mexico City Resolution On Argentina Stirs Discussion

by Frederick V. Field

THERE is widespread fear, especially among Latin American labor circles, that the fascist government of Argentina is going to slip into the San Francisco conference. This fear is based upon the fact that the Mexico City resolution on Argentina leaves the door open to appeasement. Having compromised on the resolution the suspicion is created that the inter-American nations may also compromise on its application.

The other day a New York Herald Tribune dispatch from Montevideo quoted the Uruguayan foreign minister as declaring that the official intention of the Mexico City conference was to "accept the Farrell regime and to abandon consideration of the disputed issue as to whether or not it continues to be fascist in its internal character." If that is so then the conference went through the extraordinary performance of voting a resolution which it intended to violate. For acceptance of the Farrell regime is not at all what the resolution says.

There is no doubt as to the wording of this resolution. It deplores the failure of Argentina to join in the war effort of the American nations. It appeals over the head of the Argentine government to "the Argentine nation" to return to the inter-American system and to join the United Nations provided "that the Argentine nation may put itself in a

position to express its conformity with and adherence to the principles and declarations resulting from the conference." These principles and declarations are far-reaching in the field of economics, social and cultural standards and in giving support to a system of regional and world security in conformity with Dumbarton Oaks, Bretton Woods and Yalta. A fascist government can never "put itself in a position" to conform with such decisions.

THERE is therefore more to what was done on the Argentine question at Mexico City than meets the eye. For otherwise how could the strange statement of the Uruguayan foreign minister make sense? Or how can we understand the warnings so vigorously expressed by Latin American labor and by its leader Vicente Lombardo Toledano? And there is further convincing evidence that we cannot place too much reliance on the positive aspects of the Argentine resolution.

A week ago the Farrell-Peron government appealed for an expression of public sentiment on whether or not it should declare war on the Axis. This appeal, aside from a couple of feeble editorials, was met with stony silence by the Argentine people. Why? Because the Argentine people obviously do not wish to lend themselves to what they believe to be an elaborate international sell-out of the anti-fascist cause.

THE clue to these widely held suspicions regarding the Argentine resolution of Mexico City is to be found partly in the document itself but more in what the resolution failed to express. In spite of the fact that President Roosevelt, Mr. Hull and Secretary of State Stettinius had all branded the Farrell-Peron regime as fascist, the conference resolution failed to do so. It failed to make clear that the American nations were unwilling to do business with the present government and that only when the regime had been removed by the Argentine people would the other nations permit Argentina to return to the fold. And while the resolution appealed over the heads of Farrell's gang to the nation it took the punch out of this action by arranging for the resolution to be transmitted to the Farrell-Peron government.

It was plainly not Latin American opposition alone which forced the United States to this unfortunate compromise with appeasement forces, for that opposition was expressed by only a few weak countries outvoted even among the Latin delegations. The crux of the matter lies in British support of Latin American reaction and particularly of the fascist regime of Argentina. Behind that British policy lies the fear of commercial strangulation at the hands of North American capital. And until that fear is removed the United States will not succeed in carrying out a progressive hemisphere policy.

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Mr. Editor

Writing a Letter To March of Time

New York

Editor, Daily Worker:

The following is a letter which I have sent to Station WJZ, regarding a March of Time program of March 15.

"The March of Time program broadcast last night was a shock to me. Tasteless remarks about the living conditions of an ally who has endured through four years of one of the most devastating invasions in all history, certainly do not make for good international relations."

"The attention which William L. White's book has been getting, considering that the book was published some months ago, leads one to believe that it is being brought to the forefront again to mar good feelings preparatory to the San Francisco conference. No reputable book reviewer has received the book favorably, and on the very day of your broadcast Eric Johnston in a press release distributed throughout the nation's press, disassociated himself from Mr. White's conclusions in no uncertain terms. Considering that White toured the Soviet Union through his connection with Eric Johnston's mission there, why did not your station deem it important to revise the program or call to the attention of listeners Johnston's rebuke to White?"

R. V.

It Makes A Person Sick

Brooklyn.

Editor, Daily Worker:

It completely astounds me to see the New York Post of March 15th running a big story on the Brooklyn girl who brags about how much she loves the Nazi officer, Lt. Hans Detels, who was just captured by our troops in Germany and who used to live in New York. It makes a person sick to see how brazenly this Miss Lo Monaco talks. You would think she was in Hitler's home instead of the U. S. A. where every family has its loved ones fighting the Nazis. Worst of all, there was no comment at all against her attitude by the two people who wrote the article.

L. B. of CONEY ISLAND.

Wants Source Of Facts Noted

Manhattan.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Facts for Victory is an item looked forward to every Saturday morning. Just as the actual source of the Worth Repeating quotes in your paper adds to their value so they might be used more frequently in the Facts for Victory column by Labor Research Association.

Don't mistake me; I'm making this suggestion while applauding the whole series of LRA columns. Loyalty to the Facts will make us Free in Victory.

A TEACHER.

[Ed. Note: LRA says it will give sources for quotes whenever space permits. Otherwise readers who need them badly can always get them by consulting the organization at 80 E. 11 St., N. Y. C.]

The opinions expressed in these letters are those of the readers and not necessarily of the paper. We welcome letters from our readers and their friends on subjects of current interest. To facilitate the printing of as many letters as possible, and to allow for the freest discussion, please limit letters to 300 words.

Views On Labor News

AN EDITORIAL campaign of confusion and misinformation is already getting into swing against the proposed annual wage guarantee that a committee is studying at the direction of the President. The New York Times finds fault with the personnel of the committee, but judging by its arguments, the only committee that would suit the Times is one that would guarantee in advance that annual wage guarantees won't work.

The World-Telegram greets the study enthusiastically, observing that Scripps-Howard papers were for annual wages a long time ago. But, recalling the series of articles those papers ran some years ago on this problem, we find that they have in mind wage reductions. They then argued the ponsense that if the building trades workers would only consent to cut their wage rates, building would take a spurt.

The shallow thinking on this problem is even more glaringly revealed in the editorial of the New York Sun which says it won't work because a Labor Department study of union contracts covering 8,000,000 workers found only 42,500 under an annual wage guarantee. So we can't have it because we don't have it. And we are sure it won't work because we never even tried it.

by George Morris

MOST of the criticisms we are going to hear, as these editorials indicate, will be based on the claim that separate employers or industries cannot take the risk; that there are too many uncertainties and that the threat of a slump is ever present.

The heart of the problem is missed. The CIO, in presenting the proposal, advanced it as a fundamental reconversion step towards our goal of 60 million jobs. The aim is to make our purchasing power more stable and, thereby, our general economy and jobs more stable.

The President, and with him much of the labor movement and many serious thinkers, view the annual wage guarantee as part of the general plan to peacetime reconversion. The Times finds nothing in the whole idea because the Times found nothing in the 60 million job idea. In fact, in all the months of continual editorial attacks upon the goal of "full employment," that paper has not suggested a single step that would depart from the old path of letting capitalist economics just take the "natural" uncontrolled path. There is only one conclusion from the Times attitude and its ceaseless warning against government "interference"; depressions, widespread unemployment, poverty and hunger are unavoidable and no effort need be wasted to block this "normal" course.

'It Won't Work' Slogan Started on Annual Pay

THE TIMES, over the decades, has developed a halo of respectability around itself largely on the basis of its skeptical reception to everything new. You can always count on the Times for one of those "scholarly" editorials that lists every reason why something cannot possibly work. Those who are satisfied with things as they are, like to read such editorials. But if we would base ourself on stagnant elements of our population we would have never tried unemployment insurance, housing projects, bank insurance, social security, wage-hour regulation, collective bargaining insurance, government sponsored power projects, etc., etc. Those things didn't work until they were tried.

Only those who would ridicule an annual pay guarantee would judge it on the basis of a few small isolated establishments here and there. They know well that this project, to fundamentally affect our economy, must apply in industries employing many millions of workers. And they also know that, as in every step forward that industry took in the past, it will take government initiative and direction to encourage it. The Times does suggest that annual wage guarantees may come through "more government coercion and regimentation of business." There is the real rub. Those whose views the Times expresses know that the government must have a hand in the project. But they'd rather go through another cycle of hunger and war than "more regimentation of business."

Facts for Victory

CONSUMER expenditures have increased during the war. That's what the Department of Commerce says.

But civilian consumption wasn't really as high as the figures indicate. The wartime prosperity of the average consumer has been overestimated. At least this is the admission of Business Week, influential McGraw-Hill publication, in a revealing editorial last week.

First, it gives the D. of C. figures showing that in 1944 consumers spent about \$98,000,000,000. Even after correction for changes in prices, this would seem to show "real" volume of goods and services for civilians "almost 20 percent above 1939 and 5 percent higher than in 1941."

But Business Week doubts if the picture is nearly as rosy as that. It questions whether there could be such an increase of output for civilian consumption while we have been pouring about 45 percent of our gross national product of goods and services into the war. So it looks at the official figures which have been responsible for the impression that civilian consumption has been rising.

Retail food consumption, according to the D. of C. figures, was up over 50 percent between 1941 and 1944, and even after allowance for price increases, using Bureau of Labor Statistics price indexes, real consumption was up 15 percent. "However, total civilian food consumption fell off 2 percent or so,

by Labor Research Assn.

according to the Department of Agriculture."

Similar figures by the D. of C. would indicate a rise in clothing consumption of about 20 percent. "But again, War Production Board figures show that in 1944 civilians got 12 percent less cotton textiles than in 1939, a bit less wool, a good deal less rayon—and other government data indicate a total textile drop from 1941 of roughly 25 percent."

As for durable consumer goods, like refrigerators, furniture, autos, it is generally agreed that these have fallen off possibly about a fourth from the 1941 level even before price correction. Physical supply figures suggest they were only about half to two-thirds of the prewar (1941) volume.

AFTER presenting a sprinkling of other figures to show the real consumption trends in various consumer lines such as tobacco, gasoline, liquor, restaurant eating and the like, Business Week concludes:

"Although it is fairly obvious that the physical volume of consumption in 1944 was above the 1939 level, even an optimistic reading of the supply figures indicates that 1944 volume was below that of 1941."

There's an obvious discrepancy between the price-sales data and the figures on actual supplies. As the business weekly suggests, part of the explanation for this can be found

Wartime Living Standards Not So High

in the fact that some of the sales involved the draining of inventories. More was sold in a given period than was produced. Also, and more commonly, "the explanation can be found in the stretching of supplies—shorter shirt-tails, smaller towels, narrower skirts. This phenomenon is hard to separate from quality deterioration—more fat on meat cuts, less sugar in pastries, less butterfat in cream. And these are also closely related to forced shifts in buying patterns—from home meals to restaurants, from auto to rail transportation, even from nickel to quarter cigars." In other words, hidden price increases all down the line, quality decreases, and general upgrading.

THIS is exactly what the CIO-AFL statisticians have been trying to tell the War Labor Board these many months. Their briefs in the steel and other wage cases went into the whole story. Business Week now backs them up when it says that most of these changes in consumption "are not considered increases in living costs, which price indexes measure."

The more intelligent business circles thus agree with labor that the price indexes of the Bureau of Labor Statistics are inadequate, failing to show the real position of the worker in wartime. It also helps to spike the allegations of reactionary interests that war workers have been living off the fat of the land. The consumption picture simply doesn't show it.



French Unions For Nationalizing Basic Industry

Special to Allied Labor News

PARIS, March 23 (ALN). — Labor organizations throughout France are voicing their support of the joint Socialist-Communist manifesto issued here March 2 calling upon the French government to nationalize basic industry.

The manifesto, published in *La Populaire*, organ of the Socialist party, and *L'Humanite*, official Communist paper, urged the nationalization of all large industries, sources of raw materials, banks, power plants, transportation and insurance companies.

Confiscation of all property owned by collaborationists are also demanded in the joint declaration. As a symbol of unity, the manifesto was published in the two papers with exactly the same type, head-

lines and in exactly the same position on the front pages of the newspapers.

One of the first labor leaders to back the manifesto was Vicorin Duguet, general secretary of the Mipe Workers Federation of the CGT. Announcing the miners' backing, he stated:

"We prefer to underline the passage in the manifesto which says: 'These reforms are not socialistic reforms. They are reforms of a democratic character which are indispensable to hasten victory and increase the war effort!'"

State Dep't Aide in China Lauds Yen'an Fighters

WASHINGTON, March 23.—Raymond P. Ludden, one of two State Department officials who just spent eight months as observers in guerilla China, reported yesterday that the people of the region are fighting the Japanese, hope for Chinese national unity and fully support the Communist-led regional government.

The local government's program springs from the desires of the Chinese peasantry, Ludden reported, and is not particularly "Communist" in character. As expressed in its simplest terms, he said, the program is:

"A full belly, a warm back, and nobody knocking them around."

Ludden's report is striking official confirmation of the observations of American newspapermen recently surmounted the barrier of Chungking censorship and blockade of "Red China" to meet the Communist-led guerillas.

Attached to Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer staff as political adviser, Ludden accompanied a United States Army observer section into

the guerilla area last July. The mission was primarily assigned to obtain military intelligence on such matters as airfields, numerical strength, topography.

The group flew from Chungking to Yen'an, capital of the area. From there, travelling on mountain trails and mule tracks, wearing uniforms of the Communist-led army and accompanied by a strong escort of Eighth Route Army officers and men, the party explored Shansi and Hopei, crossing and re-crossing Japanese lines.

Ludden himself bore witness to the constant guerilla skirmishes against the Japanese—for once a member of the escorting group was killed in battle, and once the party had to make a 26-hour forced march to escape being intercepted by the enemy.

FOREIGN BRIEFS Nazis Burned 10,000 Czechs

Cremation furnaces are still smoking in the German death camp at TEREZIN, northern Bohemia. From May through December, 1943, 10,000 Czech patriots were murdered and burned in furnaces with a capacity of 200 to 300 bodies per day. . . . Three Polish traitors were condemned to death in LODZ for collaboration with the Gestapo in crimes against the Polish people.

A Yank sergeant, now in Germany, handed a copy of the progressive fortnightly GERMAN-AMERICAN to some Germans. "It was the first decent newspaper they have had," he wrote, "and the older ones are busy explaining many articles to the younger ones. . . ." Free copies of the DUMBARTON OAKS proposals can be obtained at the Woodrow Wilson Foundation, 8 W. 40 St. . . . The Citizens Conference on International Union, 45 Astor Place, puts out a 25-cent pamphlet containing the Bretton Woods agreement.

Fourth anniversary of the YUGOSLAV National Army of Liberation will be celebrated tomorrow (Sunday) at 5 p.m. at Manhattan Center by the Yugoslav Seamen's Club. There'll be partisan songs and Zlatko Balokovic, chairman of the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief, will play folk songs on the violin. . . . Mayor Edward J. JEFFRIES, Jr., of Detroit, honorary chairman of the local Yugoslav relief committee, has proclaimed March 25-31 "Gifts to Yugoslavia Week." Condensed milk, enriched cereals and other foods will be collected.

Partisans Unified In North Italy

Italian partisan armies in northern Italy have survived a fearful winter, and are now united into a single organization under the lead of the Committee of National Liberation. It was reported yesterday from Rome.

Mauro Scoccimaro, Communist minister for the occupied territories, said the Communist-led Garibaldi brigades have united with the Socialist Matteotti brigades into a single organization.

German War Guilt and A Cambridge Professor

By HANS BERGER

In a letter in PM for March 20 a German exile, Prof. Martin Wagner of Cambridge, Mass., comments on one of Max Lerner's articles, one of those in which Lerner says he was puzzled by the failure of most Germans today to face the fact of their war-guilt.

"The absence of moral strength to face the fact of guilt among the German people puzzles him," writes Prof. Wagner. "Why, I ask, should the common people of Germany feel guilty? Guilty of what? Of not having exposed themselves to torture and death in still larger masses than they really did?"

Having read this letter, I visualized the following discussion inside Germany today:

Common German soldier: Well, Prof. Wagner, I've got to burn a few villages, to kill a couple of kids and a few women. If I don't do it, I may be shot. What am I to do?

Prof. Wagner: My son, I wouldn't be puzzled if you would burn the village and the kids. You would not need to feel guilty. After all, you are only a common soldier, and why expose yourself to torture and death?

One thousand German soldiers: What shall we do, Professor? Shall we go on fighting or shall we stop? If we stop, we may have troubles with the Gestapo.

Prof. Wagner: I wouldn't be puzzled if you go on fighting. There is morally nothing bad about it. It is not the duty of common men to risk anything.

Ten thousand German workers: Shall we go on working, or shall we go on strike, Prof. Wagner? If we strike a lot of us might get killed.

Prof. Wagner: I wouldn't be puzzled if you go on working. After all, you are common men, and nobody can expect you to be heroes.

The German nation: What shall we do, Prof. Wagner? Shall we finally finish off Hitler or shall we go on fighting and working for him? If we stop fighting and working for Hitler we will have to fight the Gestapo. Many may get killed.

Prof. Wagner: I wouldn't be puzzled if you would go on fighting and working for Hitler. After all, 90 percent of you are common men. Who can demand that you expose yourself to reprisals?

Thus, we can imagine the effect of Herr Doktor Wagner upon the German people today. And we get a glimpse of how thousands of such professors contributed to the victory of fascism over the German mind. And we can imagine what such professors would do if they got the chance to "reeducate" the Germans tomorrow!

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DEADLINE: Daily at 12 Noon. For Sunday, Wednesday at 4 p.m.

Tonight—Manhattan

DANCE FLOOR SHOW, buffet, concert: Radischev Folk Dancers, Brocha Skulnick—radio singer at Birobidjan Festival. Saturday Eve., March 24, Manhattan Plaza, 66 E. 4th St. Tickets (incl. tax) \$1.00 at Icor, 1 Union Sq. Rm. 405. Men and women in uniform admitted free.

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Tomorrow—Manhattan

GILBERT LAWRENCE of Madisonia Marionettes will give a talk on puppetry, demonstrated with bits from plays and his own puppets. Followed by social and folk dancing. Jefferson School, 575 Sixth Ave., cor. 18th St., at 8:30 p.m. 50c.

HORACE GREENELL will speak on Music and the People on Sunday, March 25th, 8:15 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson Club, CPA, 201 West 72nd St.

Tomorrow Bronx

HEAR PROF. LIGHTBODY talk on "Europe Today: Present Conflicts and Emerging Patterns." Followed by discussion period. West Concourse Club, 1 East 167th St. 8:30 p.m. Subs. 40c.

JAMES ALLEN, Daily Worker feature writer, speaks on Yalta, tomorrow night at 8:15. Concourse Bookshop, 125 E. 170th St. Admission 35c.

Tomorrow Brooklyn

PROF. KAZAKOVICH will speak Sunday evening on "What Should Be Accomplished in San Francisco?" Brighton Community Center, 3200 Coney Island Ave., B'klyn.

DR. MARK STRAUSS, veteran of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, will speak on Spain Today. Also movies and entertainment. Utica Center, 289 Utica Ave., B'klyn. 8 p.m.

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AMERICAN LABOR PARTY presents "Pinochio," a full length play for children. Saturday afternoon, April 7th at 2:30 p.m. At Central Needle Trades High School Auditorium. Cast of 60. Admission 50c. Tickets at Workers Bookshop, 44th St. Bookfair, Jefferson School, Skazka, etc. Benefit Milk Fund for Babies in Italy.

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Ontario Tory Gov't Overthrown

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Drew's provincial government had long been under fire, and was forced to resign after a 51-36 vote which came on an amendment to the speech from the Throne, a discussion of basic government policy.

Thirty one CCF'ers were joined by the 16 Liberals and two Labor

Progressives (successors to the Communists).

This was the first instance of practical CCF-Liberal-Progressive cooperation, and may improve chances of such a coalition in the Federal elections which are scheduled for late this Spring.

House Extends Draft Law for Another Year

WASHINGTON, March 23. (UP).—The House today gave swift and unanimous approval to legislation extending the draft law for another year beyond its present May 15 expiration date.

The measure now goes to the Senate which is expected to add its okay before Easter.

Attempts to attach restrictive

amendments failed to materialize. In fact, there was not a word of debate. Action came 24 hours after the House Military Affairs committee unanimously approved the bill without hearing all of the scheduled witnesses.

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By Nat Low

A letter from a reader:
"Dear Nat Low:

"So you doubt that Gale Bishop could score 62 points in one basketball game?

"Did you see George Mikan of DePaul pour 53 points through the hoop Wednesday night against Rhode Island State? Mikan was double-guarded most of the game yet he broke the record, and in my opinion he could have surpassed the 62 that Bishop made if his team had concentrated on feeding him all through the game.

"So there! GEORGE DORNEY."

Yes, I saw Mikan Wednesday night.

But I still don't believe it and I'm having my eyes examined tomorrow.

Nobody could be that good—not even Mikan.

The season hasn't even begun and already the Dodgers are involved in an intra-club scrap. This one took place Thursday and involved Leo Durocher (who else?) and Frenchy Bordagary. It was supposed to have started when Leo ordered batting practice ended just when Frenchy had come up for his daily lick.

Now this little incident may have been the thing that touched the whole business off—but it certainly wasn't the reason for the fight. The bad feeling must have been brewing for some time before this.

Obviously Durocher still hasn't gotten control of the club and that's one of the reasons the Dodgers finished in the cellar last year. The team will never win as long as these intra-club feuds exist. . . . And the Dodgers simply cannot afford to trade or release every man who battles with Durocher—not these years of manpower shortage, anyway.

With the warm weather bringing with it spring fever, there isn't too much interest left in hockey—but be that as it may some of the biggest surprises in sports are taking place in the Stanley Cup playoffs.

For the second time in succession the mighty Montreal Canadiens, who went through a 50-game schedule with only five losses, have been knocked off by the third place Toronto Maple Leafs and the fourth place Boston Bruins, who backed into the playoffs, have trimmed the powerful Detroit Red Wings.

The Canadiens lost three to two and the Wings lost four to two. Thus, neither of the two favored clubs have yet won a game. And there isn't too much time left. . . .

Al Grenert, NYU's high scoring basketball ace, has signed a contract to play baseball with the Boston Red Sox, second NYU cage star to break into the majors within two years. Last season Ralph Branca pitched his way into a job with the Dodgers.

Grenert is an infielder who is supposed to be something of a hitter. If he succeeds and stays with the club Howard Cann will get more youngsters than ever coming out for his basketball teams. As nice a way as any of breaking into the majors.

Borowy Mastering Knuckler

ATLANTIC CITY, March 23.—A tall, slender guy is getting a lot of attention at the Yankee camp as he tries out a new pitch. He is Hank Borowy, Fordham's illustrious graduate and manager Joe McCarthy's ace hurler.

Borowy won 17 contests last year and kept the Yankees in the pennant battle right up to the last week. But still, with the batters he had to face, Hank should have done better. Part of his trouble was his health. He never was too robust and has been suffering from rose fever for some time.

This year, however, Hank's health has improved and he's hard at work perfecting a new pitch to add to his repertoire. The new delivery is a knuckle ball and if it is successful he will probably breeze through to 20 victories.

Borowy says he is fashioning his knuckler after Freddy Fitzsimmons'. "I want the kind that I release off my finger nails and just drop into the mitt."

Borowy's experiments with the knuckler are the result of his loss of speed. He used to be primarily a fast baller, but repeated attacks of the enervating rose fever have robbed him of his fire-ball and he's just about given up hope of recovering it. Thus, he is seeking a wider assortment of deliveries.

Frankie Crosetti, heartened by the WMC's ruling about players who leave war jobs during the summer not being labelled job-jumpers, will report to the Yankees as soon as he can get some personal matters straightened out. Much depends upon the old veteran whose arrival late in the summer last year sparked the Yankees into a splurge that almost carried them to the flag. McCarthy's big headache is short, where Ossie Grimes and Mike Milosevich have both failed. If Crosetti can report in good shape he should be able to carry the load for at least a good part of the campaign.

NYU Picked Over Ohio

By PHIL GORDON.

NYU's high-powered Violets, who cake-walked to an easy if unimpressive 59-44 victory over Tufts in the opening of the NCAA Tourney at the Garden Thursday night, will go after the Eastern NCAA title this evening when they tackle Ohio State's big and rugged Buckeyes who knocked off Kentucky Thursday, 45 to 37.

The Violets played only as hard as was necessary to beat Tufts and gave the impression that they could have been as good as they wanted to be. Only Sid Tanenbaum and Adolf Schayes played up to the hilt all the way, sinking 17 and 13 points respectively and driving all night.

From the looks of things NYU should beat Ohio State handily for the Buckeyes looked very ragged in their victory over an off-night Kentucky team that couldn't hit the basket with anything. The Buckeyes have a lot of height and drive, with Stilts Risen, Don Grate and Jack Dagger leading the way—but they do not handle the ball as smoothly as do the Violets and their shooting does not nearly approach that of Tanenbaum, Grenert, Schayes and Company.

If the Violets do have trouble it will be with the Buckeyes' height. The starting Ohio State five averages 6-4 and NYU has been notoriously bad against big teams this season. But the Violets, it must be said, have reached their season's peak and will be ready to go all out.

By winning tonight the Violets will get into the National NCAA game with the winner of the western division. The teams out west this year are not up to snuff and thus the Violets will probably meet the winner of the Invitation Tourney—which will almost certainly be DePaul.

Thus New York may still have a team to crow about—although, admittedly, it is a little early to start growing.

Save every scrap of paper—old newspapers, magazines, wrapping paper, cardboard, everything that's paper. Every bit of it is needed to help win the war.

11 A. M. to NOON

11:00-WEAF—To Be Announced
WOR—News; Talk; Music
WJZ—Kay Armen, Songs
WABC—Warren Sweeney, News
WMCA—News; Music Box
WQXR—News; Opera Arias
11:05-WABC—Let's Pretend—Sketch
11:30-WEAF—Smilin' Ed McConnell
WOR—Hooky Hall
WJZ—Betty Moore—Talk
WABC—Billie Burke Show
WMCA—Hello, Neighbor
WQXR—Youth Panel
11:45-WJZ—Shopping Talk—Lois Long

NOON TO 2 P. M.

12:00-WEAF—News; Consumer Time
WOR—Man on the Farm
WJZ—Jean Tighe, Songs
WABC—Theater of Today
12:15-WJZ—Radio Harris—Broadway News
12:30-WEAF—Atlantic Spotlight
WOR—News; the Answer Man
WJZ—News; Home and Garden
WABC—Stars Over Hollywood
1:00-WEAF—Variety Musicale
WOR—Variety Musicale
WJZ—Eddie Condon's Jazz Concert
WABC—Grand Central Station
1:15-WMCA—Health Talk
1:25-WABC—News Reports
1:30-WEAF—The Barbers—Sketch
WOR—Symphonies for Youth
WJZ—The Fighting AAF
WABC—Report to the Nation
WMCA—Recorded Music
1:45-WEAF—John MacVane, News
WMCA—This Is Our Town

2 P. M. TO 6 P. M.

2:00-WEAF—Variety Musicale
WJZ—Metropolitan Opera
WABC—Of Men and Books
2:15-WABC—Adventures in Science
WMCA—Christian Science Talk
2:30-WEAF—Sports—Grandstand Rice
WOR—Leo Egan, News
WABC—Carolina Hayride
WMCA—News; Music
WQXR—Music of Our Time
2:45-WOR—Talk—Stanley Maxted
WMCA—It's Navy Time
3:00-WEAF—Chicago Symphony
WOR—This Is Halloran
WABC—The Land Is Bright
3:30-WOR—Where Are They Now?
WABC—Syncopeation Piece
WMCA—News; Waltz Music
3:45-WABC—Job for Tomorrow
4:00-WEAF—Doctors Look Ahead
WOR—News; Jay Johnson, Songs
WABC—Report From Washington
WMCA—Ray Smith, Songs
4:15-WABC—Report From Overseas
4:30-WEAF—Variety Show
WOR—Variety Musicale
WABC—Assignment Home
WMCA—News; Music
5:00-WEAF—Grand Hotel—Play
WOR—Uncle Don
WABC—Philadelphia Orchestra
5:15-WOR—Talk—Leo Egan

Voiselle to Pitch In First Go Today

LAKEWOOD, March 23.—The Giants will play their first exhibition game of the season tomorrow facing the Bainbridge Naval service team in Maryland and the man who will go the first three frames will be big Bill Voiselle, workhorse and ace of Mel Ott's pitching staff.

Voiselle, who reported early and has been training hard, won 21 and lost 16 last season and copped the National League's rookie of the year award and is looking forward to a banner season. Last year Bill lost some eight or nine one run contests but he figures his luck is bound to improve.

"The boys never hit behind me and that made things tough," he said, "but I figure it should kind of even up this season. We've got a lot of good solid clubbers on the team and I'll get my share of runs."

If he does, Voiselle may carry the Giants close to the pennant. With a year's experience under his belt he should have more poise and confidence than ever and many of the league's better hitters have been drafted, leaving his job much easier.

The Giants left camp late today for Bainbridge, Md., where they will play the service team. In accordance with the ODT ruling the Navy authorities had to transport the Giants from here to Maryland and the means of locomotion was a good old bus driven by a gob. They will play Bainbridge's team, which has a few former major leaguers on it, tomorrow, Sunday and Monday then they will face the Curtis Bay Naval team Tuesday and Wednesday, also in Maryland.

Mother of Dead Marine Joins WAC

WORCESTER, Mass., March 23 (UP).—Mrs. Sadie A. Spencer, mother of a marine killed in the Marshall Islands invasion, enlisted in the women's Army Corps today.

"If I can't have him back," she said, "I can at least help other boys to come home."

Her son was Marine PFC Edward A. Spencer, 20. She is the wife of a disabled veteran of World War I.

RADIO

WMCA—570 Kc. WYVD—1230 Kc.
WEAF—680 Kc. WNEW—1190 Kc.
WOR—710 Kc. WLIB—1190 Kc.
WJZ—770 Kc. WHN—1650 Kc.
WNYC—830 Kc. WOV—1290 Kc.
WABC—880 Kc. WBNY—1480 Kc.
WINS—1000 Kc. WQXR—1560 Kc.

5:30-WEAF—John W. Vandercook, News
WOR—Dunham Orchestra
WMCA—News; Jerry Baker, Songs
WQXR—Romolo de Spirito, Tenor
5:45-WEAF—Jack Owens, Baritone
WOR—Shirley Eder, Interview
WJZ—Popular Music

6 P. M. TO 9 P. M.

6:00-WEAF—News; Friendship Ranch
WOR—News; Music
WJZ—Bruno Shaw
WABC—Quincy Howe, News
WMCA—News; Music
6:15-WJZ—Sports—Harry Wismer
WABC—People's Platform
WMCA—Dale Belmont, Songs
6:30-WOR—Fred Vanderveer, News
WJZ—Edward Tomlinson
WMCA—Recorded Music
6:45-WEAF—Religion in the News
WOR—Sports—Stan Lomax
WJZ—Labor—U.S.A.
WABC—The World Today, News
WMCA—Talk—Jack Shafer
7:00-WEAF—Our Foreign Policy
WOR—Guess Who?—Quiz
WJZ—Correspondents Abroad
WABC—Play—Mayor of the Town, with Lionel Barrymore
7:15-WJZ—Leland Stowe
7:30-WEAF—The Saint—Play
WOR—Arthur Hale
WJZ—Meet Your Navy
WABC—America in the Air
WMCA—News Reports
WQXR—Concert Music
7:45-WOR—The Answer Man
WMCA—Songs of Israel
8:00-WEAF—Caslight Gayeties
WOR—Frank Singiser, News
WJZ—Early American Music
WABC—Danny Kaye Show
8:15-WOR—Dr. A. L. Sachar
8:30-WEAF—Truth or Consequence
WJZ—Detroit Symphony Orchestra
WABC—Boston Symphony Orchestra
8:55-WABC—Ned Calmer, News

9 P. M. TO MIDNIGHT

9:00-WEAF—National Barn Dance
WABC—Hit Parade
WMCA—News; Shoot the Works
WQXR—News Reports
9:05-WQXR—Europe This Week
9:20-WQXR—Request Music
9:30-WEAF—Can You Top This?
WOR—Mysterious Traveler

Two Cubans Impress Ossie Bluege

COLLEGE PARK, Md., March 23 (UP).—Jesse Zarden, Cuban outfielder, has temporarily won the Washington Senators' center field berth, but it remained to be seen whether he can hit. His defensive show today, in which he had a perfect score in cutting off base runners, drew high praise from Manager Ossie Bluege.

Zarden will play against the Curtis Bay Training Station team, when the Nats open their exhibition game season tomorrow, Louis Aloma, another Cuban, is slated to pitch three innings for Washington.

Yanks-Giant Sale Monday

Tickets for the Red Cross baseball game between the New York Giants and the New York Yankees at Yankee Stadium, Thursday, April 12, go on sale Monday at the office of both clubs, Col. Larry MacPhail, Yankee president announced yesterday.

This game will mark the second pre-season Red Cross benefit contest involving the three local clubs. Tickets for the April 11 contest between the Giants and the Dodgers also are available at the baseball office and at Spaldings. On July 9, the Yanks meet the Giants at the Polo Grounds.

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In this scene from the 20-minute fact film, *Fury in the Pacific*, an Army casualty drifts with the rise and fall of the surf off Angaur Island—testimonial to the "courage and character" of those who go ashore against the guns of the foe. *Fury in the Pacific*, War Activities Committee-OWI short subject, depicts the battle for Peiliu and Angaur Islands. It is now playing at all leading Broadway theaters.

—Official U.S. Navy photograph

French Civilians Burn Books to Keep Warm

By SAMUEL PUTNAM

Can you imagine what it would mean for the head of a freezing household to call his family together for a conference on—what books shall be burnt first? Well, that is what is happening in France, if we are to credit Paul Bewsher, correspondent of the London Daily Mail.

"People in Paris and northern France," writes Bewsher, in a recent dispatch to his paper, "are burning furniture and books in desperate attempts to keep warm. Hundreds are dying from cold and ill-nourishment in the biting winter weather. They are starting with their least treasured articles. I know of one case where a householder with a large library has consulted his family on which books should be burnt first to warm their aged grandmother."

To anyone who knows what treasures are to be found in almost any collection of books in France—the priceless items, for example, that one sometimes discovers in the stalls along the Seine—all this will come as a shock. It is something to remember, incidentally, the next time we hear a Nazi-inspired Westbrook Pegler spewing his slanders of the French people and their great world-renowned culture, the next time we hear him raving about their "thumbing a ride!"

It is something to remember, also, as the question of aid to the stricken peoples of Europe comes up for national discussion by the American people.

In connection with this question, let those of us who are concerned with cultural values bear in mind the fact that the cultural effects of Hitler's war on humanity are not going to end with the peace. This should be clear enough from the case of France.

THE REAL PARIS

Paris in the past has been called the "city of light." The city of light and culture and gaiety. Not necessarily the tourist's "gay Paris," but rather, for the sensitive individual, the home of that deep, heart-warming contentment of spirit that somehow wants to sing and dance as you walk the little narrow-winding streets with the civilization of centuries beckoning to you on every hand.

Such is the Paris I and many others have known in the past; but it is not the Paris of today. I have not been there since the Nazi hordes descended, but what the newspaper correspondents and my Parisian friends have to tell me is enough. I know that the Paris of 1945 is neither light nor warm nor gay.

I think of Picasso moving into one room to live and paint and try to keep from freezing. I think of those musical comedy chorus girls of

whom Mr. Bewsher tell us, swathed in silk mufflers and bobby-socks and "wearing the maximum of clothing beneath their stage frocks." —"As they sang," the Daily Mail writer goes on to say, "puffs of vapor came from their mouth."

No, I'm afraid the tourist would not find Montmartre very rollicking these days.

Yet, those heavily bundled chorus girls with their icy breath are somehow symbolic to me. Symbolic of that brave and battered Lady of the Centuries, the Paris that never gives up but always carries on, smiling to hide her deepest tragedy. Her heart still sings, though the song may freeze upon her lips.

CULTURE IN DANGER

In a way, is not this true of the whole of liberated Europe? Peoples singing with happiness at their new-won freedom from the Nazi yoke, even as they writhe with the memory of tortures endured—but it's hard to sing when you're cold and hungry! "Singing" is here largely metaphorical. Perhaps there is not much actual song; that would be understandable. Let us substitute, rather, the word culture, the song of the human spirit.

The point is: famine and a shortage of fuel, housing and the like endanger culture as well as human lives. Let us not forget this as we listen to those who cry 'famine' here in America—because they do not want the peoples of Europe to be fed!

Paul Robeson Theater Evening in Phila.

By popular request, the Paul Robeson Theatre of Philadelphia will present an evening of song and drama tonight (Saturday) 8:30 at its headquarters, 922 Walnut St.

The program will include: Tomorrow, a one act play about a returning veteran; Ceiling, a comic sketch proving the necessity of price control; and Production, an original adaptation of *The Mikado*.

'Fun With Music' Features Zero Mostel

Zero Mostel, comedian, Appleton and Fields, duo-pianists, Kenneth Spencer, basso and Arline Carmen, contralto, will appear on the third Fun With Music concert at Hunter College tonight.

Camp Sussex Dance

The annual dinner-dance of Camp Sussex will be held at the Hotel Astor tonight.

A Brilliant New Film By Michael Powell

Like a ringing battle cry, *The Silver Fleet* bursts upon the audience with the strains of a song saluting Piet Hein, Dutch patriot who saved his country 300 years before from Spanish invaders. Swiftly followed by a scene showing a sunken submarine and its dead crew of Nazi officials it foreshadows the rest of the film, the struggle of the people of Holland against the Nazis.

The story concerns Jaap Van Leyden, engineer and former stock holder in the shipyards, who accepts the Nazis offer to continue managing the shipyards when he realizes that this would place him in a strategic spot for sabotage. He does not reveal his identity as Piet Hein to the workers who regard him as a Quisling. His contact with them is maintained through the notes and messages he sends. When the first submarine is completed it goes out on a trial run manned by twelve workers and Seventy Nazis. Acting on a carefully worked out plan by Piet Hein the workers overpower the Nazis and take the ship to Britain. Careful not to repeat their previous mistake the Nazis decide that the second submarine will have none but their own men aboard. As a final precaution and guarantee of safety they take Piet Hein along. But they didn't reckon with the heroism of a fighter for freedom. The ship explodes and sinks to the bottom.

UNITY AGAINST FASCISM

We think a failing of the picture is the selection of the leader. Obviously a person who, prior to the Nazi invasion, had little to do with political action, his role implies that there was no organized movement of the peoples that could have carried on under the new conditions and trials. There is too much stress laid on his individual leadership and individual planning. As an example, there is one part where the workers plan an act of sabotage on their own. It is not too effectual and is stopped by Piet Hein who has a much better idea. Nevertheless the union of Van Leyden, a businessman with the workers in the shipyard in the common fight for liberation is a positive illustration of the national unity so necessary to destroy the fascists.

The technique is superb. Michael Powell who directed *The Invaders*, brings to this film his mastery of suspense and steadily rising conflict that we have learned to expect from him. Nothing is lost by the fact that we know what is going to happen because it is presented on a growing crescendo of action and excitement.

BRILLIANT ACTING

The orchestration of characters is skillfully done. Van Leyden with his integrity, brilliance and conviction pitted against Von Schiffer, the Nazi overlord, with his brutality, fascist ambitions, voracious appetite and despicable mind. Ralph Richardson is magnificent as Van Leyden. He rises to the heights demanded by his role and never falters in his understanding. Es-

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Late Bulletins

State GOP Kills Bill to Set Up 'Non-Quota' Medical Schools

Special to the Daily Worker

ALBANY, March 23.—The state Senate today heard an eloquent plea from the father of a 22-year-old Marine captain killed at Guadalcanal, for an end to anti-Semitism and discrimination.

The plea was made by Sen. Lazarus Joseph, Bronx Democrat, on behalf of his bill to establish two state-financed medical colleges to give the youth of all races and nationalities a chance to get a medical education.

Sen. Joseph noted that many Jewish students are barred from colleges in the state today through the vicious "quota" system and have to go to Scotland to get their training. He noted, too, that his son had been closely associated with boys of other nationalities and had fought side by side with them. Yet, he indicated his son might have been barred from New York medical colleges.

Irked by a remark of the arch-reactionary Frederic Bontecou, Dutchess Republican who led the fight against the permanent FEPC, to the effect that 1,800 Jewish refugee doctors have been admitted to practice here, Sen. Joseph said bitterly: "I am talking about American boys—like mine, who will never come back. They have no equal chance here."

The answer of Sen. Benjamin Feinberg, Republican majority leader, was that the Joseph project would cost too much money. The Bronx Senator's motion to get his bill before the Senate was thus defeated by Republican votes, one Republican Senator, Seymour Halpern of Queens, voted with the Democrats to bring the bill out of committee. All other Republicans except Sen. Hammer of Queens, who was not present, voted against the Joseph motion.

Citizens' PAC Board Meets

The executive board of the National Citizens Political Action Committee, headed by Sidney Hillman, held its first meeting since the November elections yesterday at Hotel Commodore.

Attending were Gifford Pinchot, Freda Kirchwey, Van A. Bittner, Elmer Benson, Lucy Randolph Ma-

son, A. F. Whitney, Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., John Abt, PAC counsel, and Joseph Gaer, of the executive staff.

Mr. Hillman said the meeting had to be held to get things started, and would have been held sooner had he not been abroad for the World Trade Union Conference.

Coal Negotiators Take 'New Tack'

WASHINGTON, March 23 (UP).—The soft coal operators and the United Mine Workers took a new tack today in an effort to reach agreement on a working contract to replace the one expiring March 31.

Negotiations were turned over to a four-man subcommittee with the hope that it will be able to reach a compromise before the government steps in.

The miners were represented by President John L. Lewis and Vice-President John O'Leary. The operators' representatives are Charles O'Neill of Altoon, Pa., and George Campbell, of Chicago.

The full negotiating committee has not reached agreement on a single issue in more than three weeks of discussion.

Stars Vote to Go Through Pickets

HOLLYWOOD, March 23 (UP).—Motion-picture actresses and actors voted today to disregard picket lines established by striking studio craftsmen who walked out 11 days ago.

The Screen Actors Guild said a preliminary count of ballots sent

to members showed 491 stars voting to keep on the job and eight voting to strike. Featured players voted 1,884 to 65 not to strike.

Movie producers reported film production virtually back to normal, while strike headquarters called more workers than ever to the picket lines.

Argentine Cabinet Meets, Stays Mum

BUENOS AIRES, March 23 (UP).—The Argentine Cabinet held its fifth session to discuss the international situation today but issued no statement.

Cesar Ameghino, Finance Minister and Acting Foreign Minister, told newspapermen the cabinet has not yet examined Mexican Foreign Minister Ezequiel Padilla's invitation to adhere to the act of Chapultepec.

He said the cabinet was "fully in agreement as to the essentials" of the documents and will continue the discussions.

Stay of Project Site Evictions Denied

ALBANY, March 22.—The demand of tenants on the site of the projected Stuyvesant Town project that evictions from their present homes be stayed until after the war was turned down today by a joint legislative committee on recodification of the city's multiple dwelling laws.

The demand was embodied in the McGowan bill now before the legislature.

The committee said the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., which is planning the projected Jimcrow housing development, made "strong representations" to the effect that every tenant will be taken care of before eviction.

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Lillian Hellman, playwright, welcomed to the dinner held in her honor Thursday night at the Hotel Astor by the Spanish Refugee Appeal. Left to right are: Carl Van Doren, author and critic; Miss Hellman; Herman Shumlin, producer and chairman of the dinner; Dr. Edward K. Barsky, chairman of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, sponsors of the \$750,000 appeal. (See story on page 4.)

The Veteran Commander

BEHIND THE SMOKE SCREEN

FIELD MARSHAL MONTGOMERY has caused a smokescreen between 60 and 70 miles long to be laid down along the northern wing of the Western Front, from Nijmegen to Duesseldorf. Latest reports at this writing have it that an intensive artillery barrage has been started along this front by guns wheeled out and set up behind the smoke screen.

All this looks like the beginning of the expected offensive across the Rhine. However, it is conceivable that the smoke screen and even the barrage are devices to make the Germans think precisely as we do, while the main blow is delivered somewhere else. So let us not take things for granted.

The American First has captured the fortress of Siegburg on the northern flank of the Remagen bridgehead and is advancing toward the Ruhr from the south.

The rampage of Gen. Patton's armor has reached the Rhine almost everywhere between Coblenz and Ludwigshafen, and the last German pocket between Speyer and Pirmasens is being crushed by Patch and de Lattre de Tassigny.

Field Marshal Kesselring has been named commander of the troops on the Western Front, seemingly superseding Rundstedt and Model. It is interesting because Kesselring is a "mountain fighter" par excellence. His talents would be partially wasted if the Germans intended to make their supreme defensive effort on the Prussian plain between Wesel and Berlin, where there are no mountains except for the hills of the Teutoburg Forest. Kesselring's appointment is, therefore, indicative of the importance the enemy places on the defense of the sector lying

south of the Heidelberg-Nuremberg line (the Black Forest and the Swabian Jura) and covering the approaches to the upper Danube and the Bavarian plateau.

AS WAS to be expected (and this was clear even when the whole world was yelling itself hoarse about Zhukov's push toward Berlin), the resumption of the offensive by Soviet troops between the Baltic and Riesengebirge came in Marshal Konev's sector of the front. The Marshal, in a double breakthrough around Oppeln on the Oder (Oppeln was won by Soviet troops Jan. 24 and then presumably lost) has reached the Czechoslovak border, outflanking Moravska-Ostrava and Ratibor (the dividing line between the "plain sector" and the "mountain sector" of the Eastern Front) and has crushed 45,000 Germans in a trap between Oppeln and Neisse (do not confuse the city of Neisse on the Glatzer-Neisse with the Neisse River which flows through Goerlitz, 100 miles to the northwest of the town of Neisse). This new offensive bids fair to form the northern arm of a pincers aimed at Moravia and western Slovakia; the southern arm would be formed by Marshal Malinovsky who is reported by the enemy to be advancing up the Danube and will probably strike to the Morava.

Thus it is entirely possible that while the main blow of the western Allies is directed at the Prussian plain, the Red Army will strike first into the mountain area via the valley of the Danube and the Moravian Gap, in a sort of strategic "chasse-croise" which could upset the German plans for a gradual withdrawal from the plain into the mountains.

City Hospitals' Pay Rise Urged

Estelle Robbins, president of the Hospital Employees Union, Local 444, State, County and Municipal Workers of America, yesterday hailed Mayor LaGuardia's plan for the construction of a postwar medical center in the Bellevue Hospital area.

"The personnel turnover in hospitals," she said, "and the failure

to fill 5,000 vacancies in this department, have created a crisis in the city's hospital system. The present staff, woefully underpaid and overworked, cannot cope with the health needs of our city. Our union has urged the Mayor to grant a \$1,500 minimum annual salary, a \$500 cost of living bonus and the payment of time and a half for overtime."

Czechs Name Envoy To Polish Gov't

MOSCOW, March 23. (Polpress).—In an exchange of diplomatic representatives, the government of Czechoslovakia has appointed Joseph Hejret its Plenipotentiary Extraordinary to the Polish Provisional Government and the Polish Provisional Government has appointed Stefan Wierblowski its Plenipotentiary Extraordinary to the Czechoslovak Government.

